

85th Legislative Session – 2010

Committee: House Education

Friday, February 19, 2010

P - Present
E - Excused
A - Absent

Roll Call

P Bolin
P Brunner
P Elliott
P Fargen
P Hamiel
P Hunt
P Killer
P Olson (Ryan)
P Schlekeway
P Sly
E Sorenson
P Thompson
P Vanneman
P Van Gerpen, Vice-Chair
P McLaughlin, Chair

OTHERS PRESENT: See Original Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Representative Ed McLaughlin, Chairman.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2010 WITH THE NOTATION THAT TESTIMONY ON HB 1259 BY DICK TIESZEN, Rapid City School District was not authorized by the Rapid City School District.

Moved by: Brunner
Second by: Vanneman
Action: Prevailed by voice vote.

MOTION: RECONSIDER HB 1181

Moved by: Brunner
Second by: Bolin
Action: Prevailed by voice vote.

THE CHAIR DEFERRED HB 1240 UNTIL MONDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2010

HB 1224: impact the South Dakota opportunity scholarship program.

Presented by: Representative Jacqueline Sly
Proponents: Representative Ryan Olson
Opponents: Tom Oster, Secretary Department of Education
Paul Turman, Board of Regents

MOTION: AMEND HB 1224

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On the printed bill, delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

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Section 1. That § 13-55-31 be amended to read as follows:

13-55-31. In order to be eligible for a South Dakota opportunity scholarship award, a student shall:

- (1) Be a resident of South Dakota at the time of graduation from high school;
- (2) Have a composite score of 24, or higher, on the test administered by the American College Testing Program or an equivalent score as determined by the Board of Regents on the Scholastic Assessment Test. The student shall take the ACT or SAT test before beginning postsecondary education;
- (3) Meet the high school course requirements for graduation from the distinguished high school program as provided in section 24:43:11:05 of the Administrative Rules of South Dakota as in effect on January 1, 2008;
- (4) Attend a university, college, or technical school that is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and that provides instruction from a campus located in South Dakota; and
- (5) Enter into the program within five years of graduation from high school or within one year of the student's release from active duty with an active component of the armed

forces if the release is within five years of the student's graduation from high school. If a student attends full-time a regionally accredited university, college, or technical school located outside South Dakota and within two years following high school graduation or within two years following release from active military service returns to the state to attend full-time a regionally accredited university, college, or technical school, the student is eligible to receive a partial award.

A student is eligible to participate in the South Dakota opportunity scholarship program for the equivalent of four academic years (eight consecutive spring and fall terms) or until the attainment of a baccalaureate degree, whichever comes first. However, the executive director of the Board of Regents may grant exceptions to the continuous enrollment requirements for good cause shown.

A student who would have been eligible for the scholarship, but who applies after completing one or more semesters of full-time work at an accredited institution, may be admitted to the program only if the student has complied with the same grade point and credit hour requirements that would apply to program participants. Admission granted under these circumstances may not be retroactive, and ~~eligibility for participation in the program shall be reduced by one semester for each semester of work completed prior to admission to the program~~ the total scholarship award granted to any student admitted under these circumstances may not exceed four thousand dollars.

Section 2. That § 13-55-33 be amended to read as follows:

~~13-55-33. One-half of the annual scholarship award shall be paid to public institutions on behalf of eligible students there enrolled or directly to eligible students enrolled at nonpublic institutions at the beginning of the fall semester and the other half shall be paid at the beginning of the spring semester. The amount of the annual award shall be as follows:~~

- ~~— (1) — One thousand dollars for the first year of attendance;~~
- ~~— (2) — One thousand dollars for the second year of attendance;~~
- ~~— (3) — One thousand dollars for the third year of attendance;~~
- ~~— (4) — Two thousand dollars for the fourth year of attendance unless the student attended full-time a regionally accredited university, college, or technical school located outside South Dakota prior to admission to the program, in which case the award shall be one thousand dollars.~~

For any eligible student enrolled in a bachelor's degree program, the scholarship shall be awarded as follows:

- (1) One thousand dollars at the beginning of the second year of attendance;
- (2) One thousand dollars at the beginning of the third year of attendance;
- (3) Two thousand dollars at the beginning of the fourth year of attendance; and

- (4) One thousand dollars at the beginning of the spring semester of the fourth year of attendance.

For any eligible student enrolled in an associate degree program, the scholarship shall be awarded as follows:

- (1) One thousand dollars at the beginning of the second year of attendance; and
- (2) One thousand dollars at the beginning of the second semester of the second year of attendance.

However, no eligible student who completed one or more semesters of work at a college, university, or technical school located outside of South Dakota before being admitted to the scholarship program may receive the one thousand dollars awarded to other eligible students at the beginning of the second year of attendance, and the payment awarded at the beginning of the fourth year of attendance shall be reduced to one thousand dollars for any eligible student who, in prior years, has already received a total of three thousand dollars through the scholarship program.

If, in any year, the total funds available to finance the scholarship awards are insufficient to permit each eligible recipient to receive the full amount provided in this section, the available moneys shall be prorated and distributed to each recipient in proportion to the entitlement contemplated by this section. The total amount of the scholarship may not exceed five thousand dollars, and the awards shall be paid to institutions on behalf of eligible students there enrolled ."

Moved by: Brunner
Second by: Vanneman
Action: Prevailed by voice vote.

MOTION: DO PASS HB 1224 AS AMENDED

Moved by: Brunner
Second by: Van Gerpen
Action: Prevailed by roll call vote. (10-4-1-0)

Voting Yes: Bolin, Brunner, Hamiel, Hunt, Olson (Ryan), Schlekeway, Sly, Vanneman, Van Gerpen, McLaughlin

Voting No: Elliott, Fargen, Killer, Thompson

Excused: Sorenson

MOTION: AMEND TITLE OF HB 1224

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On page 1, line 1, of the printed bill, delete "impact" and insert "revise the payment schedule for".

Moved by: Olson (Ryan)
Second by: Sly
Action: Prevailed by voice vote.

HB 1240: create the South Dakota need-based grant fund, to provide for the transfer of certain unclaimed lottery prize money to the need-based grant fund, to provide for the awarding of certain need-based grants, and to repeal provisions relating to tuition equalization grants.

Presented by: Representative Bernie Hunhoff
Proponents: Jack Warner, SDBoard of Regents
Sandy Arseneault, SD Education Assoc.
Greg Boris, South Dakota Voices for Children

MOTION: REFER HB 1240 TO APPROPRIATIONS

Moved by: Hunt
Second by: Brunner
Action: Prevailed by roll call vote. (12-2-1-0)

Voting Yes: Bolin, Brunner, Elliott, Hamiel, Hunt, Olson (Ryan), Schlekeway, Sly, Thompson, Vanneman, Van Gerpen, McLaughlin

Voting No: Fargen, Killer

Excused: Sorenson

MOTION: ADJOURN

Moved by: Brunner
Second by: Hunt
Action: Prevailed by voice vote.

Jeanette Black
Committee Secretary

Ed McLaughlin, Chair